REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	28 October 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Seventeen Video Productions '95/'96
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Seventeen
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Catalogue
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video catalogue entitled *Seventeen Video Productions '95/'96* is classified as: Objectionable.

The video catalogue is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young females for sexual purposes and the use of urine in association with sexual conduct.

The publication is a colour video catalogue which contains reproductions of video slicks for the purpose of advertising the related video recordings. The video catalogue is produced with small, yet well defined images of female nudity, partial nudity and sexual activity, predominantly involving young females. The catalogue itself is intended to sexually titillate and arouse the reader through the clear depiction of sexual images.

The catalogue has a singular focus on the youth of the females presented. The females appear to range in age from 13 to 17 years, as indicated by their lack of full body development and their youthful faces, and this is supported with textual references including numerous references to 'teenage' and 'teen'. Other references include 'schoolgirls', and statements such as 'because you're never too young to learn'. The catalogue contains a small number of images of females urinating. These images are sexualised by the nudity of the females and their juxtaposition with other images of sexual activity.

By presenting images of young females and sexualised images of urination, for the purpose of titillating and arousing the reader, the publication promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes, and the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. The availability of the publication is therefore deemed to be injurious to the public good.

Consideration is given to s5, s6, and s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act). Because the publication promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes, and the use of urine in association with sexual conduct, s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (the FVPC Act) applies to this publication. Section 3(2) of the FVPC Act is a deeming provision which overrides s14 of the NZBR Act.

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